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## GOLDEN SPIKE DRIVEN AT UTAH 50 YEARS AGO

MORMON STATE CELEBRATES  
ANNIVERSARY OF CONNECTING  
ATLANTIC WITH PACIFIC

## 25,000 MEN WERE EMPLOYED

Golden Spike Made From Twenty-three \$20 Gold Pieces and Driven By Gov. Leland Stanford

Ogden, Utah, May 10.—Utah today is celebrating in this city the golden jubilee of the driving of the golden spike which commemorated the completion of the first transcontinental railroad connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Grizzled veterans of the West who either worked on the Central Pacific or Union Pacific, or who drove the teams that supplied the workers were the guests of honor. Many are here who remember the race to build the Pacific railroad, and there are some who tell of track-laying records made in the last few days of the race which would make construction engineers of today envious.

There are present a few who witnessed the driving of the last spike—made of gold—at Promontory, 50 miles west of Ogden.

The building of the Pacific railroad was begun at Omaha of the Union Pacific, and at Sacramento of the Central Pacific, on January 8, 1863. With the granting of a government subsidy to the Pacific railroad, the work was speeded up after numerous delays and it became a race to lay the largest mileage of rails. The contest ended May 10, 1869, at Promontory, 50 miles west of Ogden, at which time trains from the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific met. The Union Pacific had built 1086 miles westward from Omaha, the Central Pacific having advanced 690 miles eastward from Sacramento.

Governor Leland Stanford, of California, drove the last and golden spike, aided by T. C. Durant, president of the Union Pacific. Just before the meeting of the rails both railroads were employing 25,000 men and using 6,000 teams in construction work, it is said.

Utah historical records say that Union Pacific engine No. 119 and general locomotive "Jupiter" nearly touched "noses" at the ceremony, Edgar Mills, of Sacramento, was master of ceremony and after an opening prayer by a Rev. Dr. Todd, of Massachusetts and a brief talk by General Grenville M. Dodge, a superintendent of the Union Pacific, Governor Stanford raised the mallet and struck the first blow, driving the golden spike into the last tie. The silver spike was driven by Dr. Durant. The tie into which the spikes were driven contained a silver plate bearing an inscription commemorative of the event.

The golden spike was donated by Dr. H. Hervas, of San Francisco, and was made from 23 \$20 gold pieces. The silver spike it is said, came from the mines of Virginia City, Nevada.

## PORTLAND WOMAN SHOT THROUGH THE HEART

Portland, Ore., May 10.—Mrs. Edna Tuck, aged 31, was shot through the heart and died instantly at her home here early today. Her husband, Eugene Tuck, and Mrs. Marine Middleton, who lives in the same house, are held for investigation.

Tuck says his wife shot herself while he was out of the room. Domestic difficulties are alleged to have been the cause of the shooting.

## LABOR SHORTAGE PREDICTED 1919

Because Immigration Has Been Reduced Col. Wood Thinks U. S. Will Be Short 6,000,000 Men

Washington, May 10.—Colonel Arthur Woods has warned employers to hire as many extra men now as possible to protect themselves against a coming tremendous labor shortage.

American labor, he declared, will be short six million men and women this year, largely because immigration has been vastly reduced.

Immigration up to 1914 and for the seven years preceding, said Woods, amounted to approximately one million a year. In 1915 it was 320,000; in 1917, 300,000; in 1918 100,000; and in 1919 it will probably be less.

The army, he said, will probably keep out of industry an additional million men for at least another year.

The shipbuilding program, said Woods, has taken approximately 500,000 workers from other fields so far.

In addition to that, he said, America is confronted with the problem of handling the largest food crop ever produced.

Reports on public works programs show the country is two billion dollars behind in this form of public improvement. Contracts are being let daily, Woods stated, and the labor demand is constantly increasing.

## MORE TROOPS ON THEIR WAY TO CAMP LEWIS

Portland, Ore., May 10.—Word was received here today that La Grande field hospital unit, belonging to the Rainbow Division, is on its way to Camp Lewis and will stop at La Grande.

## MEXICO TO ESTABLISH TEN-MILE DRY ZONE

Laredo, Tex., May 10.—A bill to create a ten-mile dry zone along the international border will be introduced in the Mexican congress, according to Mexican officials in Nuevo Laredo. The proposed law would become effective a month before the United States goes dry. The zone would extend from the Pacific coast to the mouth of the Rio Grande.

To offset the revenue losses to Mexican border merchants incurred by the law, another bill will be introduced for a ten-mile free zone having the same radius which would admit imports to the dry territory free of duty.

## VICTORY LOAN HAS PASSED OVER THE TOP

Washington, May 10.—Indications are today that the Victory loan has gone over the top, if not actually oversubscribed. Official subscriptions approximate three and a half billion dollars.

## AUTO ACCIDENT AT PENDLETON

Pendleton, May 10.—A. F. May, well-known Pendleton farmer, was killed instantly when his auto overturned as he was on his way to town from his ranch. His neck was broken.

## MAX LEWIS, WOUNDED, HAS BEEN SURROUNDED

Washougal, Wash., May 10.—Max Lewis, the third of the trio of bank robbers, is believed to be surrounded on the Durgan farm five miles from here. He was seen last night with his arm in a sling.

## WILSON HAS NOT BACKED OUT ON FUME QUESTION

Cables to White House That Report Was Absolute Fiction. Huns Say Terms Too Harsh and Have Counter Proposition--China Wants Freedom From Japan

Washington, May 10.—Reports that President Wilson had committed himself to a proposal to settle the Fiume dispute by giving that port to Italy after 1923 were said in dispatches to the White House to be "absolute fiction," and that the president had not deviated in the slightest from his original stand. Other dispatches said that the president would address congress immediately upon his return and discuss the "whole subject matter" of the negotiations. It is understood that advisers are urging the president to make a speaking tour.

London, May 10.—Germany is protesting that the peace terms are unbearable and impracticable and will make a counter proposal for "peace of right on the basis of lasting peace of all the nations," says

## MANY SOLDIERS ARE HELD FOR SEA DUTY

Boston, Mass., May 10.—Thirty-two per cent of the enlisted men of the naval reserve force and the entire enlisted personnel of the regular navy are to be assigned to sea duty immediately. It is understood that the purpose is to obtain men for additional transport service.

## RIOTERS IN EGYPT SUFFER HEAVILY

London, Thursday, May 8, via Montreal.—Total military casualties in the disorders in Egypt for the last two months were: Five British officers killed and six wounded; other ranks, 18 killed and 50 wounded; Indian troops, six killed and 25 wounded.

The casualties among the rioters are estimated at under 1,000.

## NO STATUTES TO BACK DRY CONSTITUTION

Columbus, Ohio, May 10.—Just what is going to happen to the liquor traffic in Ohio after May 27 when the prohibition amendment to the state constitution, adopted last autumn, becomes effective, is a problem that is bothering state and local officials.

The state faces the situation of having a dry constitution but no statutes to enforce it. The general assembly enacted enforcement measures but they must run the gauntlet of a referendum next November before they can become operative and should the voters disapprove of them there will be no particular authority by which to enforce prohibition, it is said. Anti-saloon league officials say they have not given up hope of obtaining some legislation that will be effective May 27.

Most of the saloon keepers are planning to quit business May 27 and they may have to retire even before that date. The license year of saloonkeepers expires May 24. None has applied for renewal of license and the time for making application has passed.

The Ohio home rule association, the "wet" organization, is planning its campaign to defeat the enforcement bills next November. It has also started a referendum on the resolution ratifying the national prohibition amendment, but this is being resisted in the courts by the anti-saloon league.

President Ebert in a proclamation to the German people.

The German national assembly is to consider the terms Monday.

Paris advices indicate that a definite settlement of the Fiume question has not been reached.

It is understood that China will not sign unless the council of three gives written engagement that Japan will restore the Shantung peninsula and Kia Chau to China.

Paris, May 10.—President Wilson said today that he believed nothing would be heard from the German plenipotentiaries for about a week. The delegates are at liberty to return to Germany if they desire to consult their government. Such a move would not mean the breaking of negotiations.

## M'ARTHUR REPLACES TILLMAN, RETIRED

Washington, May 10.—Brigadier General Douglas McArthur, formerly brigadier commander of the Rainbow division, has been appointed superintendent of West Point military academy. He will relieve Brigadier General Samuel Tillman, who returned to the retired list.

## YANKS DIG VALUABLES FROM THE OLD RUINS

Paris, May 10.—American troops who have been working in the shell torn areas of France have been recovering many valuables of various sorts buried in the ruins. All these finds are turned over to the French ministry of finance which is endeavoring to discover the original owners or their heirs. All unclaimed treasures go to the state.

Members of the American Second army corps recently unearthed at Avoucourt a large number of French and Russian railway bonds which had lain in the cellar of a demolished home since the Germans first invaded the sector. The bonds were all in good condition and bore coupons which had not been clipped since July, 1914. Whether the owner is dead or alive will be determined by the ministry of finance.

Among the valuables recovered are many belonging to ruined churches. Not infrequently when several churches in a town have been destroyed and each of them has lot similar treasures it is impossible to say who is the owner of the wealth recovered. In this case it is divided among them.

## COPS GET HURRY-UP CALL

Portland, May 10.—Cops "fell down" in response to an emergency call at an early hour. They couldn't satisfy an angry neighborhood which demanded that they make a rooster stop crowing.

## RUTH GARRISON GOES TO ASYLUM

Held Criminally Irresponsible for Killing Mrs. Storrs—Laughs Gaily at the Verdict

Seattle, Wash., May 10.—Ruth Garrison was found not guilty of the murder of Mrs. Storrs, on account of her mental irresponsibility. She is confined in the county jail awaiting commitment to the insane ward at the state penitentiary.

Under the state law the court is compelled, as a result of the verdict, to sentence Miss Garrison to the state penitentiary at Walla Walla for treatment for the criminally insane. But as there are no accommodations at the penitentiary for women of this type she will be transferred to the state hospital for feeble-minded at Medical Lake. For the present she will remain in custody of the King county sheriff.

Smiling, Miss Garrison received the verdict, then with a laugh she kissed her mother. Of the two women jurors, one sobbed as the verdict was read and several of the male jurors cried. Many spectators were moved to tears. Miss Garrison, as she was led from the courtroom, was laughing gaily.

## FAT MAN OF CALIFORNIA TIPS SCALES AT 601 1/4 LBS.

Sacramento, Cal., May 10.—The world's fattest man, "Sacramento Joe" Krebeck, was officially weighed today by the state of California.

Deputy Hayden, of the state sealer of weights and measures bureau, crowded the heaviest man onto a tested scale and the beam nearly broke the frame. Krebeck tipped it at 601 1/4 pounds. His wife, who weight 130 pounds, will accompany him with the show.

## PLUCKY AIRPLANE CREW HAVE TROUBLE

Halifax, May 10.—The American naval seaplanes NC-1 and NC-3 took the air on the second leg of their cruise to Trepassy, from whence they expect to start next week for Portugal with a stop at Azores.

The NC-3, flagship and leader, carrying Commander Towers, broke a propeller while warming up in a surface flight, but after 45 minutes for repairs both planes got under way. The NC-3 later returned for further repairs and started again.

Louisburg, Nova Scotia, May 10.—The NC-1 passed here today, having flown 190 miles in 153 minutes.

Trepassy, New Foundland, May 10.—The NC-1 arrived here today, covering 475 miles in six hours and 56 minutes, or an average of nearly 70 miles an hour.

## SILHOUETTE ARTIST MAKES COURIER GROUP

S. M. Bellamy, silhouette artist spent Saturday in the city and made a call at the Courier office. In the few minutes he spent in the newspaper office he had made silhouette likenesses of every member of the office force and artistically mounted on a sheet of cardboard, with the name of the paper and the date cut in paper, the whole making a group which will be preserved in the office. Mr. Bellamy does the work to show what can be done with paper and scissors. He is on a tour of the state advertising a text book which he has compiled and which is being introduced through the northwest. His text books are being introduced in many schools in the primary departments and the lower grades.

## SCHELL MAKING GOOD HEADWAY WITH PAVING

OVER 3,000 FEET FINISHED AND IS PRONOUNCED PERFECT PIECE OF WORK

## INSPECTOR DREW IS PLEASED

Busy Scenes at Rock Crushing Plant Where Asphalt Is Prepared. Fifty Men on the Job

Work of paving the Pacific highway from the Sixth street bridge at the edge of this city to the Jackson county line is progressing nicely and much more satisfactorily than the contractor, S. S. Schell, anticipated. He now has a crew of 40 or 50 men employed.

Over 3,000 feet of asphalt paving has been finished and Special Inspector N. J. Drew, of Portland, who arrived here yesterday, pronounces it the finest piece of paving he has seen in the state, and it is understood that he has been in the paving business for over 20 years.

What appears to be the busiest place—and at least is the noisiest place—is at the gravel pit where the powerful machinery is preparing the asphalt mixture for pavement. Mr. Schell has the best proposition of this kind in the state. Gravel is taken from the Rogue river by a scraper holding one and one-half cubic yards of gravel and attached to a cable, a donkey engine furnishing the power. This process is repeated every three or four minutes and the gravel is then taken in small cars up the track to the crusher. Here the sand is removed, the large and fine gravel separated, and four sizes of crushed rock are produced.

An oil burner is used to heat the complete mixture and it is then run into waiting trucks that are lined with asbestos and steel; this because the mixture is thus delivered at a temperature of about 370 degrees. It must be very hot and even retains heat for several hours after being laid as paving.

Mr. Schell stated to a Courier reporter today that he does not expect to finish this first stretch of paving before September, but is already making arrangements to start work on the last contract awarded him, which is for a distance of about 12 miles, extending as far south as Gold Hill. The two contracts give Mr. Schell about 19 miles of Pacific highway to build, the price running something over \$400,000.

Work of preparing the asphalt mixture and that of laying the paving is quite interesting and worth anyone's time to go and witness. Those who have seen this newly-laid paving are of the opinion that few pieces of road work in the state will compare favorably with it when finished.

## GERMANS STIRRED UP TROUBLE IN SPAIN

Barcelona, Spain, May 10.—German propaganda and the spread of bolshevik ideas among the workingmen are, in part, blamed for the general strike which took place here last week. It is generally believed that the Germans have all along been working to create trouble among the Spanish laboring men. Their machinations during the war were exposed by the Madrid daily El Sol which showed how the German embassy was implicated in provoking labor troubles both in Barcelona and Madrid. It was reported two weeks ago that a wireless message had been intercepted asking that further funds be sent here for propaganda work.